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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MZ, UR

SUBJECT: VISIT OF RUSSIAN DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER TO MOZAMBIQUE

1. SOVIET DEPUTY DEFENSE MINISTER SERGUEI SOKOLOV COMPLETED A SIX DAY VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE ON APRIL 1. ACCORDING TO A MOZAMBIQUE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE ANNOUNCEMENT, SOKOLOV'S VISIT WAS MADE AT THE INVITATION OF MOZAMBIQUE DEFENSE MINISTER ALBERTO CHIPANDE.

2. DURING HIS STAY IN MOZAMBIQUE, SOKOLOV VISITED THE NORTHERN CITY OF BEIRA, MADE A TRIP TO TETE PROVINCE, PLACED WREATH AT MOZAMBIQUE'S HEROES MONUMENT, MET WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL AND WAS HOSTED AT SEVERAL RECEPTIONS GIVEN BY THE MOZAMBIQUE ARMY GENERAL STAFF. SOKOLOV ALSO HELD A ROUND OF MEETINGS WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS AT MOZAMBIQUE'S DEFENSE MINISTRY.

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3. IN A PRE-DEPARTURE SPEECH, SOKOLOV SAID MOSCOW AND MAPUTO WERE UNITED IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM AND REAFFIRMED RUSSIA'S "TOTAL SUPPORT" TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE IN CONSOLIDATING ITS "DEFENSIVE CAPACITY" AGAINST RHODESIAN INCURSIONS. MOZAMBIQUE DEFENSE MINISTER CHIPANDE PRAISED MOSCOW'S "INTERNATIONALIST" EFFORTS IN ANGOLA, CUBA AND INDO-CHINA AND NOTED THAT FRELIMO'S RELATIONS WITH MOSCOW EXTENDED OVER

FOURTEEN YEARS.

4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH PRESS COMMENTARY STRESSED THAT VISIT WAS REFLECTION OF THE FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION THAT "UNITES" THE SOVIET AND MOZAMBIQUE ARMIES, SOKOLOV WAS PROBABLY HERE TO REVIEW SOVIET ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE AND TO LOOK AT MOZAMBIQUE'S CURRENT DEFENSE NEEDS. THE SOVIET UNION IS MOZAMBIQUE'S PRINCIPAL ARMS SUPPLIER.

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